(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed Money Laundering Bill is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not apply in view of (a) above.

(c) The prevention of Money Laundering Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 02.12.1999. The Rajya Sabha has referred it to Select Committee which has submitted its report on 24.07.2000. The Finance Minister has given a notice to the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha on 14.02.2002 that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration and that the Bill may be passed.

Distribution of foreign aid

5007. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are drawing up a plan to end the present system of only five States bagging the lion's share of external assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a new formula has been evolved to distributed the foreign aid among the States on a fair and equitable basis and emphasis to correct regional imbalances; and

(d) by when the new plan is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEBVIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) There is no separate formula to distribute external aid among States which is passed on to them in the form of additional central assistance (ACA). The quantum of such funds for a particular State depends upon several factors such as its ability to implement projects successfully, viability of projects etc. Govt. of India, however, encourages all States to access funds equally and fairly.

Growth rate in agricultural, banking and insurance sector

5008. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that agriculture, banking and insurance have registered a negative growth during 2000-2001;